

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #2

[Protect people from health problems and health hazards](#)

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Vaccination is one of the best ways parents can protect infants, children, and teens from 16 potentially harmful diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or even be deadly – especially in infants and young children. The benefits of vaccination are two-fold: In addition to providing individual immunity, high vaccination levels can provide protection against disease to those in a community who would otherwise be vulnerable. Last year's measles outbreak in California serves as a reminder of the importance of vaccinations.



Three things to remember about vaccines:

- *Vaccines are an important step in protecting against serious, and sometimes deadly, diseases.*
- *Vaccines are recommended throughout our lives.*
- *A strong provider recommendation is one of the best ways to ensure patients get the vaccinations they need when they need them.*

Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Essential Service #6

Enforce public health laws and regulations



Kane County Environmental Health Sanitarian Austin Schramer conducts an inspection of a food booth during a recent Swedish Days Festival in Geneva.

Remember to always:

- Clean
- Separate
- Cook
- Chill



Summertime Food Safety

Foodborne illness is a preventable public health challenge causing an estimated 48 million illnesses and 3,000 deaths annually in the U.S. We typically see an increase in those illnesses in summer. This time of the year KCHD inspects hundreds of vendors who apply for temporary permits ensuring that they comply with safe food handling practices and ordinances at dozens of events.

Essential Service #4

Engage the community to identify and solve health problems



World Breastfeeding

Week Aug. 1-7

The Kane County Breastfeeding Coalition supports health providers as they implement policy and evidence-based practices to help new and expectant parents in choosing how to feed their infants and in supporting those who breastfeed their babies. This aligns with the Kane County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) since breastfed infants have a lower risk of obesity—along with other health benefits.